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Subject: FW: District Plan to leave PCBs in place for 15 years

FYI - I received this forward from Robina Suwol with California Safe Schools last night.

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From: Malibu Unites
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Subject: District Plan to leave PCBs in place for 15 years

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Second Environ PCB Plan proposes: Keep PCBs in Place for 15 Years with No Remediation

Environ submitted their second plan (July 2014) to the EPA. after their first plan (April 2014) was rejected. Environ and SMMUSD "propose to manage (illegal levels of PCBs) in place for up to 15 years..." and continue to expose students and teachers to a chemical that causes serious health issues from thyroid disease and auto-immune disease to cancer.

EPA stated in their June 4th comments, "We expect that the MHS specific PCB cleanup plan due July 4, 2014 will include at least (1) a proposed schedule for removal of the caulk greater than 50 ppm. Even the EPA's own toxicologist, Dr. Geniece Lehmann (<http://MalibuUnites.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=47d0b8e92f979905620744d0e&id=6465654242&e=89c9fef481>) , says "I think that leaving them (PCBs) in place is probably not the course that we (EPA) want to follow." As of yet, the EPA has not held the district accountable to Federal Law. Instead the EPA has encouraged a "Don't Test, Don't Know" policy by diverting a full investigation of PCB sources to simple air testing which will never violate TSCA nor protect long term health. Air testing only identifies toxic exposure at one moment in time.

Currently at Malibu High School, there are three teachers with Thyroid Cancer, one retired teacher with Thyroid Cancer and twelve teachers with thyroid disease in addition to other health issues. Parents of students have reported health issues ranging from auto-immune diseases and neurological issues to asthma and migraines.

Malibu Unites' Environmental Consultant, Kurt Fehling, states:" "Samples should be collected from each source of suspected PCB contamination (caulking), not just the air. Only then can we access the full impact of contamination and know what to remediate and what is "safe". Until that happens, the parents and teachers will

never know if the school is safe."

Environ's proposed 2nd plan is an insult to Malibu and our children's health. It is time to come together and tell the district that our community expects REAL testing that investigates the source of PCBs so that parents know what their children are being exposed to before Aug 19th and we can remove PCBs and get past this toxic issue and back to excellence in education.

Malibu Unites (<http://MalibuUnites.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47d0b8e92f979905620744d0e&id=f2c9bf4d42&e=89c9fef481>) proposed plan:

1. District to immediately test the caulking and other source material inside buildings in all pre-1979 classrooms (consistent with EPA letter dated Jan 27th, 2014)
2. District to immediately (one year deadline) remove all PCBs sources found in excess of 50 ppm as per TSCA requirement.
3. District use precautionary principles and put children and teachers health first by relocating them from buildings that have violated TSCA into portable classrooms until all PCB sources have been successfully tested and removed from MHS and JC.

Link to Environ's 2nd Plan (<http://MalibuUnites.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47d0b8e92f979905620744d0e&id=5813fa9fe1&e=89c9fef481>) (July 2014)

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Malibu Unites has spent countless resources to ensure that our school is properly tested and safe for our children. Know that 100% of your donations will go directly to ensure our children, our teachers and all future generations will all be able to enjoy a safe school.

Please contribute generously through these methods: (All amounts are welcome)

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We thank each of you for your generous contribution. Together and United we will ensure all of our children are safe and healthy for years to come!

Malibu Unites Response to Environ: <http://MalibuUnites.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=47d0b8e92f979905620744d0e&id=47778a1c50&e=89c9fef481>

Excerpts:

Ms. Lyon proceeded to send Environ Memo to all of the families at the Malibu Schools...We find this somewhat alarming, because the Environ Memo contains multiple serious inaccuracies. More importantly, it betrays an intent to avoid even the minimal legal requirements for PCB remediation, much less the fully health-protective actions MU is seeking. MU wishes to set the record straight with the Malibu community, and we ask that Superintendent Lyon send this response to all of the parents and teachers in the Malibu schools to whom Environ's response was sent. (Lyon did not reply)

EPA confirmed its rejection of the Environ plan in an email to MU: "The Plan (was) inadequate in meeting TSCA requirements for a cleanup plan to address caulk containing PCBs greater than 50 ppm at MHS. In our comments we requested the District submit a Malibu High School specific plan that meets the requirements of TSCA, including the required certifications under 40 CFR 761.61(a). . . . We expect that the MHS specific PCB cleanup plan due July 4, 2014 will include at least a proposed schedule for removal of the caulk greater than 50 ppm . . .

Teachers and students should not be returned to classrooms with illegal levels of PCBs which have not been remediated.

Kent Thomas at EPA's Office of Research and Development to the effect that "no scientific measurement data were collected on the effectiveness of cleaning, how often it needs to be done, and how to ensure it is done effectively for reduction in the potential for PCB exposures." At MHS, the room with the highest PCB air concentration, the gym faculty office, went from 96.65 ng per cubic meter to 89.02 ng per cubic meter, after a \$5000 cleaning, which is a 9% reduction. The overall difference for the rooms tested was 38% for those tested with windows closed and 7.8% for those tested with windows open. Whatever the reductions are, there is no scientific evidence as to what they actually mean in terms of health.

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